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Honorable Dale Wagner
Boone County Judge
Harrison, AR 72601-4228

Dear Judge Wagner:

Thank you for your letter dated October 7, 1999, describing your interest in the Arkwood Superfund Site.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a policy tries to return remediated Superfund sites to productive use at the earliest possible opportunity. At the Arkwood Superfund Site (site) the part that was remediated at the site related to phased action which consisted of pretreatment and storage of contaminated soil near the wood treating plant followed by off-site incineration of the contaminated soil. This remedy was completed in June 1995 and memorialized in the "Preliminary Closeout Report" of June 1996. Deletion from the National Priorities List (NPL) is not dependent on the Five-Year Review. The EPA had contemplated partially delisting the remediated wood treating area, but the remediation of groundwater through fractures in the subsurface at New Cricket Springs is ongoing. The Responsible Party (RP) McKesson, who performed the remedy at the wood treating plant, has indicated that they feel the remediated area should not be put to unrestricted use at this time, as it can recontaminate the New Cricket Spring through fractures in the subsurface and nullify McKesson's efforts to clean up the stream. However, cleanup of the groundwater New Cricket Spring, is anticipated soon. As soon as this happens EPA plans to delist the site from the NPL and return it to productive use.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or Shawn Ghose of my staff at (214) 665-6782.

Sincerely yours,

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